

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, and 19-20 are pending in this patent application. Applicant notes the absence of the identification of claim 19 as a pending claim in the outstanding Office Action dated October 21, 2003, and further notes that claim 19 has not been cancelled in any previous amendment. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Restriction/Election

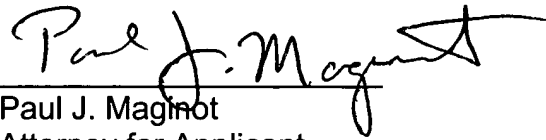
In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the October 21, 2003 Office Action, Applicant restricts examination to the invention of Group I (claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10). Applicant elects to prosecute the claims 1, 4-6, and 9-10 in this patent application. Applicant requests that claims 11, 14-16, and 19-20 be withdrawn from further consideration pending a decision regarding the filing of a divisional patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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